GENERAL ORDERS, No. 247.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, July 29, 1863.

Section 8 of the Act of March 3, 1863, entitled "An act to promote the efficiency of the Corps of Engineers, &c.," reads thus:

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the Officers of the Medical Department shall unite with the line officers of the army, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, in supervising the cooking within the same, as an important sanitary measure; and that said Medical Department shall promulgate to its officers such regulations and instructions as may tend to insure the proper preparation of the ration of the soldier.

To meet the requirements of this enactment, the words "attended by the Senior Medical Officer of his command," in paragraph 116, Regulations 1861, will be inserted after the word "regiment," in the last sentence but one, so as to make that sentence read thus: "The Commanding Officer of the Post or Regiment, attended by the Senior Medical Officer of his command, will make frequent inspections of the kitchens or messes;" and the following will be added thereto: "The Medical Officer will submit his suggestions for improving the cooking, in writing, to the Commanding Officer."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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